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9	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – OAKLAND DIVISION				
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11	WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as TRUSTEE for the CLARA POPPIC	(ASBESTOS) Case No. 08-CV-02561-SBA			
12	TRUST,	NAN Y. PARK'S THIRD PARTY			
13	Plaintiff(s),	COMPLAINT FOR:			
14	RICHARD CHOE, GLOBAL PRO	1. NEGLIGENCE 2. BREACH OF CONTRACT			
15	INSURANCE SERVICES, CORP., AND DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,	3. NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION 4. INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION			
16	Defendants.				
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18	AND ALL RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS				
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20	Defendant and third party Plaintiff NAN Y. PARK ("Park") alleges against third				
21	party Defendants RICHARD CHOE, GLOBAL PRO INSURANCE SERVICES, CORP.,				
22	and DOES 1 through 10, and each of them ("Defendants"), as follows:				
23	JURISDICTION AND VENUE				
24	1. These claims of negligence, breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation				
25	and intentional misrepresentation against Third Party Defendants arise out of the same				
26	transactions, occurrences and set of circumstances as the claims set forth in Plaintiff's				
27	Second Amended Complaint ("Complaint"), namely alleged environmental				
28	contamination at and around 2531 Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley, California ("the				

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Property"). Without admitting the truth of any of the allegations in the Complaint, Park incorporates them herein by this reference, as though fully set forth herein, for the sole purpose of showing that they were made. If jurisdiction and venue are proper with respect to the Complaint, then jurisdiction and venue are proper with respect to these Third Party Claims.

- 2. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of these Third Party claims pursuant to (a) 28 U.S.C. § 1367 supplemental jurisdiction, and (b) Rule 14 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 3. Venue for these cross-claims is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and 42 U.S.C. 9613(b) in that the conduct at issue in the cross-claims occurred in this district.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

- 4. At all times mentioned herein, Park was and now is an individual residing in the State of California.
- 5. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Third Party Defendant Richard Choe is, and at all times relevant herein was, an insurance agent and/or broker duly licensed to act as such by the State of California, and doing business as an employee or agent of Third Party Defendant Global Pro Insurance Services, Corp.
- 6. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Third Party
 Defendant Global Pro Insurance Services, Corp., is, and at all times relevant herein was, a
 California corporation, and a duly licensed insurance agent and/or broker with its
 principal place of business in Alameda County, California.
- 7. Park is ignorant of the true names and capacities of Third Party Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sues these Third Party Defendants by such fictitious names. When the true names and capacities of the Third Party Defendants are ascertained, Park will amend his Third Party Complaint to allege the same. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that each of the said

fictitiously named Third Party Defendants is in some manner legally responsible for the actions, omission, and events and damages referred to herein.

8. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times mentioned in this Third Party Complaint that Third Party Defendants were the agents and employees of their Third Party Codefendants, and in doing the things alleged in this complaint were acting within the course and scope of that agency and employment.

FIRST CLAIM

(Negligence)

- 9. Park refers to and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 8 of this Third Party Claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 10. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Won Jae Yi, aka Michael Yi ("Yi"), from on or about February 1, 1994, to on or about February 1, 1999, owned and operated on the Property a dry cleaning business known as Cal Cleaners.
- 11. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, acted as insurance brokers for Yi in obtaining a policy of insurance insuring Yi, doing business as Cal Cleaners, for the policy period March 15, 1998 to March 15, 1999.
- 12. On or about November 15, 1999, Park assumed the remainder of Yi's lease of the property. Park operated Cal Cleaners on the Property from November 15, 1999 until on or about April 8, 2004.
- 13. When Park obtained ownership and operation of Cal Cleaners on or about November 15, 1999, Park and Defendants, and each of them, entered into an oral agreement in which Defendants agreed to act as insurance brokers for Park in obtaining a new policy of insurance insuring Park, doing business as Cal Cleaners, against loss.
- 14. Through Defendants, Park purchased policy number BFS 00000492540 ("Policy"), issued by St. Paul Business Foundation ("St. Paul"), for the Policy period November 15, 1999 to November 15, 2000.

- 15. Through Defendants, Park renewed the Policy for three additional Policy periods through November 15, 2003.
- 16. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that Cal Cleaners was a dry cleaning business. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have known, that the Policy provisions, coverage limitations and/or exclusions relating to pollution and/or hazardous materials would be material and of significant importance to Park.
- 17. Defendants, and each of them, while acting as Park's broker in obtaining the Policy, and at all times thereafter, failed to advise Park of material provisions of the Policy, namely that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 18. Park is further informed and believes and thereon alleges that Third Party Defendants, and each of them, negligently, carelessly and wrongfully failed to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence as other members of their profession commonly possess and exercise in failing to advise Park of the material terms of the Policy, namely that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 19. Park relied upon Defendants to use their professional skill, care and diligence in procuring an insurance policy that would protect against risks commonly encountered by a dry cleaning business. Park further relied upon Defendants to accurately represent to Park the material policy provisions, and Parks rights and obligations under the Policy. Park purchased the Policy without knowledge that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 20. On or about May 21, 2008, Plaintiff filed the initial Complaint in this action alleging damages as a result of alleged environmental contamination at and around the Property.

- 21. Park tendered defense of the Complaint to St. Paul under the Policy, but St. Paul denied coverage and defense pursuant to the pollution exclusion in the Policy.
- 22. As a direct and proximate cause of the negligence of Third Party
 Defendants, and each of them, Park has incurred and continues to incur costs and
 expenses, including but not limited to, litigation costs, attorneys' fees, and consultants'
 fees to defend against the Complaint and any Cross-Claims filed against Park in this
 action. Additionally, in the event that Park is found liable to Plaintiff in any amount
 whatsoever, said damages are a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Third
 Party Defendants, and each of them.

SECOND CLAIM

(Breach of Contract)

- 23. Park refers to and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 22 of this Third Party Complaint as though fully set forth herein.
- 24. On or about November 15, 1999, Park and Defendants, and each of them, entered into an oral agreement in which Defendants agreed to act as insurance brokers for Park in obtaining a new policy of insurance insuring Park, doing business as Cal Cleaners, against loss.
- 25. Implied in the oral agreement was Defendants' promise to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence as other members of their profession commonly possess and exercise in acting as an insurance broker and obtaining insurance for its clients.
- 26. Through Defendants, Park purchased policy number BFS 00000492540 ("Policy"), issued by St. Paul Business Foundation ("St. Paul"), for the Policy period November 15, 1999 to November 15, 2000, and renewed the Policy for three additional Policy periods through November 15, 2003.
- 27. At all times herein relevant, Park duly performed all conditions, covenants, and promises required to be performed by her in accordance with the oral agreement between Park and Defendants.

- 28. Defendants, and each of them, failed to perform their obligations under the oral agreement with Park to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence as other members of their profession commonly possess and exercise by failing to obtain for Park suitable insurance coverage and in failing to advise Park of the material terms of the Policy, namely that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 29. As a proximate cause of Third Party Defendants' breach of the oral agreement, Park has incurred and continues to incur costs and expenses, including but not limited to, litigation costs, attorneys' fees, and consultants' fees to defend against the Complaint and any Cross-Claims filed against Park in this action. Additionally, in the event that Park is found liable to any party in any amount whatsoever, said damages are a direct and proximate result of the breach of the oral agreement by Third Party Defendants.

THIRD CLAIM

(Negligent Misrepresentation - California Civil Code § 1710)

- 30. Park refers to and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 29 of this Third Party Claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 31. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew that Cal Cleaners was a dry cleaning business, and that Policy provisions, coverage limitations and/or exclusions relating to pollution and/or hazardous materials would be material to Park.
- 32. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew that the Policy contained provisions excluding coverage of loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 33. Defendants, and each of them, acting as insurance brokers for Park had a duty to disclose to Park material provisions of the Policy which were not known to Park.
- 34. Defendants, and each of them, while acting as Park's broker in obtaining the Policy, and at all times thereafter, negligently misrepresented the provisions of the

Policy to Park and failed to advise Park of material provisions of the Policy, namely that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases with the intent to induce Park to purchase the Policy.

- 35. Park reasonably relied upon Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions regarding the provisions of the Policy.
- 36. At the time Park purchased the Policy and up until the time that St. Paul denied Park's claim for defense and indemnity against Plaintiff's Complaint, Park was ignorant of the Policy provisions excluding coverage of loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 37. As a direct result of Defendants' negligent misrepresentations and omissions as alleged herein, Park has incurred and continues to incur costs and expenses, including but not limited to, litigation costs, attorneys' fees, and consultants' fees to defend against the Complaint and any Cross-Claims filed against Park in this action. Additionally, in the event that Park is found liable to Plaintiff in any amount whatsoever, said damages are a direct and proximate result of the misrepresentations and omissions of Defendants.

FOURTH CLAIM

(Intentional Misrepresentation - California Civil Code § 1710)

- 38. Park refers to and incorporates herein by this reference paragraphs 1 through 37 of this Third Party Claim as though fully set forth herein.
- 39. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew that Cal Cleaners was a dry cleaning business, and that Policy provisions, coverage limitations and/or exclusions relating to pollution and/or hazardous materials would be material to Park.
- 40. Park is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, knew that the Policy contained provisions excluding coverage of loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.

- 41. Defendants, and each of them, acting as insurance brokers for Park had a duty to disclose to Park material provisions of the Policy which were not known to Park.
- 42. Defendants, and each of them, while acting as Park's broker in obtaining the Policy, and at all times thereafter, intentionally misrepresented the provisions of the Policy to Park and failed to advise Park of material provisions of the Policy, namely that the Policy excluded loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases with the intent to induce Park to purchase the Policy.
- 43. Park reasonably relied upon Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions regarding the provisions of the Policy.
- 44. At the time Park purchased the Policy and up until the time that St. Paul denied Park's claim for defense and indemnity against Plaintiff's Complaint, Park was ignorant of the Policy provisions excluding coverage of loss related to pollution and/or hazardous material releases.
- 45. As a direct result of Defendants' intentional misrepresentations and omissions as alleged herein, Park has incurred and continues to incur costs and expenses, including but not limited to, litigation costs, attorneys' fees, and consultants' fees to defend against the Complaint and any Cross-Claims filed against Park in this action. Additionally, in the event that Park is found liable to Plaintiff in any amount whatsoever, said damages are a direct and proximate result of the misrepresentations and omissions of Defendants.

WHEREFORE, Cross-Claimant Park prays for judgment against Third Party Defendants, as follows:

- 1. That judgment be entered in favor of Third Party Plaintiff and against Third Party Defendants, and each of them, on each of Park's Claims;
- 2. For costs of suit and attorneys' fees incurred in prosecution of this Third Party Claim;
 - 3. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

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